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COMMISSIONERS COURT SAYS FINISH THE JOB

WEBB COUNTY – The Webb County Commissioners Court today voted to authorize continuing services on the proposed Puente de la Unidad, an indication that the county intends to finish the job it started and complete the lengthy process for a new international bridge.

“Webb County remains committed to securing state and federal permission to construct a new international bridge that will generate tens of millions of dollars for all the taxpayers of our community,” said Webb County Judge Louis H. Bruni. “Today’s investment will reap exponential rewards that will benefit our community for generations to come.”

The commissioners court approved a maximum of \$505,000 from its existing bridge budget authority and directed its engineering team to continue providing services needed to secure the Presidential Permit. Specifically, the county authorized Dannenbaum Engineering Corporation to continue meeting and coordinating with officials from TxDOT, the U.S. Department of State and more than a dozen other U.S. and Mexico federal agencies during the Presidential Permit approval process to ensure that all technical aspects of the project are consistent with the requirements of the various agencies. In addition, Dannenbaum will gather and study data from the Mexican side of the project as required by TxDOT and continue coordinating with TxDOT for state approval of the Presidential Permit.

“Securing a Presidential Permit for the construction of a new international bridge is like running a marathon,” said Bruni. “It takes a long-term commitment and a lot of steps to reach the big finish.”

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